

## THE DEAD MERCHANT.

How His Body Was Stolen from Its Vault—The Fruitless Search for It.

(New York World.)

Alexander Turney Stewart died on the 10th of April, 1876. His body was interred in the Stewart vault in St. Mark's churchyard, near the Second avenue end and equidistant from Eleventh street and Stuyvesant Square. The remains were to lie there until the crypt at Garden City was ready to receive them. On the 8th of October, 1878, Sexton Hamill reported to Judge Hilton that he had that morning discovered marks of prying around the edge of the slab that marked the tomb. Judge Hilton gave instructions for the employment of a watchman, fearing that somebody was endeavoring to steal the silver mountings of the casket. A few days later the slab was secretly shifted to a point several feet distant and the turf arranged to hide any trace of the change. And on digging immediately below the slab would have struck solid masonry instead of the entrance to the vault. Everything was now believed to be perfectly safe. Without Judge Hilton's knowledge the watchman was discharged.

At 8 o'clock on the morning of Nov. 7th, a month later, Assistant Sexton Francis Parker, on going to his work in the churchyard, discovered that the vault had been opened. There had been no attempt to dig beneath the deceiving slab, but the excavation was made directly above the vault entrance. The coffin in which the millionaire's remains had lain had been broken, and lay empty on the floor. The body was gone. A dreadful stench came from the vault. When the assistant sexton had partially recovered from his amazement and horror, he hurried to inform his superior, and the two carried the startling information to Judge Hilton. On going to the desecrated vault and finding the stench that came from it, Judge Hilton concluded that it would be an absolute impossibility that the body could be carried away without discovery. The police were at once notified, and this general alarm was sent out.

POLICE HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 7, 1878. To All: The remains of A. T. Stewart were last night stolen from the family vault, St. Mary's Churchyard. The casket was found broken and the body removed. The decomposition of the remains is so offensive that they cannot be concealed. This is apparent from standing at the opening of the vault this morning; consequently the body cannot be taken across the ferries or placed anywhere above ground without discovery. Cause diligent search to be made in your precincts as the remains were evidently stolen in the hope of reward.

Inspector DILKS. Near the vault was found a galvanized band coil shovel, with which the earth had been removed; a dark lantern and a newspaper, upon which the grave-robbers had apparently wiped their hands. This newspaper was dry, which made it clear that the deed had been done after 3 o'clock in the morning, as it had rained up to that hour.

Every possible effort was made by Judge Hilton to recover the body of Mr. Stewart. Pinkerton detectives, private detectives and inspectors Murray and Byrnes's staff of detectives were put upon the case, and a vigilant search was made all over the country. All sorts of rumors were afloat touching the identity of the robbers, but nothing tangible was obtained to justify an arrest until a considerable time after the robbery, it was positively ascertained that a hackman named Kelly had carried the remains away in his hack. But Kelly had skipped. Indictments were found against him and some others, under assumed names for robbery, and they are still in the pigeon holes of the district attorney's office, unexecuted.

A year or more after the body was stolen, ex-Postmaster Jones was the recipient of a letter bearing the Boston postmark, and signed by a man giving his name as Romain, inclosing a piece of the velvet cut from the coffin, the cheap studs worn in Mr. Stewart's bosom at the time of his burial, and some of the silver screws taken from the coffin, as proof positive that they had possession of the body, and desiring him to act as mediator, or as their attorney in securing the \$25,000 ransom which Judge Hilton had offered for the return of the body. They simply desired immunity from arrest for a certain period of time, offering to restore the body on payment of the money. They claimed that the body was on a coal barge in Canada. Judge Hilton, however, refused to have anything to do with the negotiations and the matter came to a halt. On another occasion a released convict led Inspector Byrnes on a wild-goose chase through New Jersey, promising to show him where the body was concealed, and not until they had traveled a great many miles by wagon and on foot, and had finally reached the tree near the mill which had been so graphically described, did the convict admit that he was playing the Inspector a joke. On another occasion Private Detective Fuller received an anonymous letter inclosing a diagram of the spot in Cypress Hills where the body had been concealed. For nearly one week, day and night, the ground was dug up, until one of the prettiest parts of the cemetery was nearly destroyed, before this was given up as another hoax.

Later on information was received which led to the belief that the body could be recovered; that the secret of its place of burial rested alone with Kelly, the hackman, who carried it away in his hack on the night of the robbery. The gentleman who received the information consulted with Judge Hilton, and gave him all the facts, including the movements of Kelly from the time he left New York until he reached San Francisco, and convinced Judge Hilton that they were really on the track of the body of the millionaire merchant. He reached San Francisco only to learn that Kelly had given up his position in the Sutter Market, in San Francisco, to become Superintendent of a mine at Tucson, Ari. He made the then perilous journey to Ari, but unfortunately arrived a short time after Kelly had been murdered in a mine in a dispute with some of his hands. The secret died there.

One further effort was made on behalf of certain persons who claimed to have knowledge of the whereabouts of the corpse to secure from Judge Hilton the \$25,000 reward which he offered for the return of the body. They waited upon him through a representative, stating the singular proposition, that if he would send to them by a trustworthy agent, not a detective, the sum of \$25,000, leaving it with them, and trusting to their honor, that on the following day the body of Mr. Stewart should be returned to him at any place he desired.

nated. They made this request, because they required immunity from arrest, and they warned him that inasmuch as they knew all the detectives it would be folly for him to inform Inspector Byrnes or Inspector Murray, for if they saw any of the inspector's men, communication between them would cease. Judge Hilton suggested to the go-between that it would be a fairer proposition for them to return to him the body, have it properly identified and trust to his honor to give him the money, which he certainly would do, and that if immunity from arrest was the only hindrance, that he would pledge his word that he would not take any steps to apprehend the robbers for at least forty-eight hours, which would give them ample opportunity to place themselves in a foreign country where they could not be reached for the time being. They refused to listen to this proposition and Judge Hilton then declared that he had made the last effort to recover the body that he should make; that he had done all that mortal man could do to recover the body of Mr. Stewart; that Mrs. Stewart had recovered in a measure from her depression, and had become reconciled to the terrible loss, that she had made up her mind to submit to the inevitable.

The body of Stewart was never recovered. It is not in the crypt at Garden City, nor does any one outside of the few ghouls who made the midnight descent upon St. Mark's Cemetery know where the corpse of the merchant prince found its last resting place. It is believed by many that the statement made by Mr. Romain in his letter that unless the negotiations were closed promptly the body would be covered with quicklime and consumed, was carried into effect.

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Don't snub a boy because he chooses a humble trade. The author of "The Pilgrim's Progress" was a tinker. Don't snub a boy because of physical disability. Milton was blind.

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Don't snub a boy because he stutters. Demosthenes, the great orator of Greece, overcame a harsh and stammering voice.

Don't snub any one. Not alone because some day they may far outstrip you in the race of life, but because it is neither kind, nor right, nor Christian.—*Christian Advocate.*

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For the Year 1887.

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The several terms of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the several counties of said District, in and for said year, shall commence in the several counties thereof, as follows:

In Shelby county, January 3, March 21, September 12, 1887.

In Auglaize county, January 4, April 11, September 12, 1887.

In Allen county, February 1, May 2, October 10, 1887.

In Mercer county, February 25, June 6, November 14, 1887.

In Van Wert county, January 21, May 9, October 10, 1887.

In Putnam county, January 31, May 2, October 10, 1887.

In Paulding county, January 3, April 4, September 10, 1887.

In Defiance county, January 24, May 2, October 10, 1887.

In Henry county, January 4, March 29, September 6, 1887.

In Fulton county, February 25, June 6, November 14, 1887.

In Williams county, February 22, June 6, November 14, 1887.

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In testimony whereof, we have signed this order, for the purpose aforesaid, at said Court House, on the 19th day of October, A. D. 1886.

CHAS. M. HUGHES, J. H. DAY, S. T. BUTTER, W. M. H. HANDY, JUDGES.

The State of Ohio, Henry County, ss:

I, James Donovan, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said county, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full and correct copy from the Journal of said Court of times and places of holding said Courts in the Third Judicial District of the State of Ohio, for the year A. D. 1887.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Napoleon, Ohio, on this 21st day of October, A. D. 1886.

JAMES DONOVAN, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, Henry county, Ohio, Oct 25-34

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The Aultman & Taylor Company, vs. Joseph E. Sharp et al.

Order of sale from Henry County Court of Common Pleas.

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D. MEEKISON, Probate Judge.

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